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Docket No.  
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In Re Application Of **Koji Yamaya, et al.**

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Title: **ENDOSCOPE APPARATUS**

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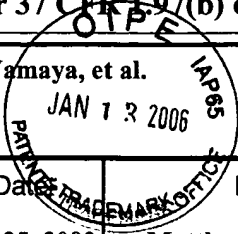
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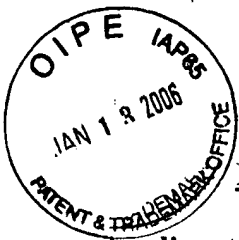
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1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 54-81690, published June 29, 1979 together with an English language abstract; and
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 49-82188, published August 7, 1974 together with an English language abstract.

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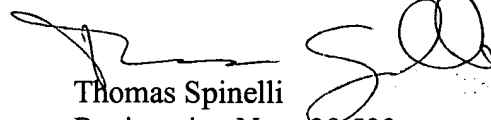


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The references were cited in an Office Action dated November 22, 2005 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Office Action. The references were cited in the Official Action.

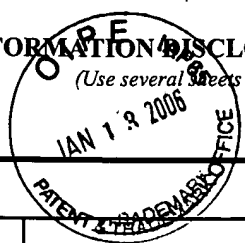
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